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### Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on June 21, 1999 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendment is not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b), as set forth below:

- a. Any change to the text of a claim (original or new) must be presented as an entire numbered claim (whether proposed by the applicant or made by the examiner in an Examiner's Amendment). All subject matter being added to an original patent claim must be underlined. All subject matter being deleted from an original patent claim must be placed between brackets. 37 CFR 1.121(b)(2)(I)(C). Subject matter being added to a new claim requires rewriting (and underlining) of the entire new claim. Claims 8-10 are not completely underlined but only reflect changes made by the amendment. See paragraph (b) below.
- b. If a claim is amended during reissue prosecution, a parenthetical expression "(amended)," "(twice amended)," etc., should follow the original claim number. 37 CFR 1.121(b)(2)(I)(C). Alternatively, applicant may effectively re-write a claim by presenting it as a new (fully underlined) claim with a new claim number, and canceling the old claim. Brackets and underlining are to be used to reflect only those changes in the text from the original patented text and not from any previous amendment.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frank Vanaman whose telephone number is (703) 308-0424. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

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